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## YOUNG GENERAL GIVES UP JOB

(Correspondence Associated Press)  
MEXICO CITY, July 18.—General Fortunato Zuazua, the youthful chief of military operations in the state of Tamaulipas has, according to Excelsior, asked to be relieved from his military command as a result of the attack made some weeks ago on the state capital, Ciudad Victoria, by a small rebel band under Eugenio Lopez. Evading the garrison, the rebels penetrated into the center of the city, committed various depredations and fled, after emptying the penitentiary of all prisoners. In his defense, General Zuazua declared he had been given too few men to defend the city.

## MAKE BRITISH RAILROADS PAY

(Correspondence Associated Press)  
LONDON, July 12.—The case scope of the work to be undertaken as soon as the much discussed transport bill is passed by parliament was outlined the other day in the House of Commons by Sir Eric Geddes, minister of ways and communications, who will head the new extensive reforms and improvements planned for the railways, roads and docks. The railway program includes the following:  
Elimination of all competitive services given merely for the sake of competition.  
Common use by all lines of rolling stock.  
Elimination of privately owned rail vehicles.  
Increase of traffic by judicious electrification of certain lines.  
Increase of the size of rolling stock necessitating the alteration of station platform dimensions, influence of the electric current on the lines.  
Standardization of stock and locomotives.

## BEST SWIMMER OF THE COAST

(By Associated Press)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—For her versatility as a swimmer, many followers of the sport have accorded to Mrs. Frances Cowell-Schroth the place among women that has been accorded among men to Norman Ross, that of being the best all-around performer of her sex.  
In a recent meet held here Mrs. Schroth won every event in which she entered. Their diversity may be judged from the fact that they included 220 and 500 yard swims and the 50 and 100 yard back stroke events. She holds records in the free style short dashes and also is a winner of the annual one-mile grind across the Golden Gate, considered one of the most exhausting and difficult of the local waters to negotiate. In this contest she was opposed by the best long distance women swimmers on the coast.  
It is to be hoped that President Wilson's message to the Italian people will have a more fortunate ultimate effect than his message to the American people last October.

## RACING WITH A RIVER OF MUD FROM VOLCANO

(Correspondence Associated Press)  
SINGAPORE, June 21, (via Tokio), July 2.—The actual scenes which prevailed when the volcano Kalut in Java burst into eruption on May 20, destroyed twenty-six villages and caused a loss of life estimated by some at 50,000, are vividly described by Miss E. W. Cranen, who has arrived here from Sourabaya.  
A river of boiling mud and lava which overwhelmed the village of Blitar where Miss Cranen was staying, she says, was ten miles wide and four feet deep.  
The first symptoms of the coming eruption, Miss Cranen said, were sounds like thunder and vivid flashes in the sky. Enormous boulders were flung from the volcano into the lowlands around it for immense distances. There was pitchy darkness owing to a rain of ashes.

Then came warning to the occupants of the hotel at Blitar that the river of lava and mud was approaching. "We were almost beside ourselves as to what to do to avoid a hideous end," she said. Twenty-four of those staying at the hotel escaped death in the boiling mud by fleeing aboard a motor car driven by the wife of the assistant resident commissioner.

According to Miss Cranen the river of mud ran for three hours and wrought fearful damage to life and property. It covered the railway station, buried the locomotives and cars and destroyed virtually every house in Blitar, Wilangi and Srengat.  
A Mr. Boekholt managed to rescue his wife and some of his children, but owing to the velocity of the mud river was unable to save two of his little ones who perished before his eyes. One European, while in bed in his house, was carried away and deposited miles distant.

A Sourabaya paper which places the total loss of life at 50,000, says that fifteen Europeans perished, and that after the volcano subsided the arms and legs of the victims were seen protruding through the mud all over Kediri district. In the vicinity of Kalut, many thousands of persons are reported missing.

It is learned that three lava streams flowed from the volcano all taking the same course as in the eruption of 1901. One of these destroyed Blitar. Government geologists who ascended to the crater of Kalut after the eruption found it empty.

The Dutch governor of the devastated district reported that 5100 persons were killed in the eruption of Kalut.

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